**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE ROTARY CLUB OF ORANGEBURG UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CLUB FOR ITS CENTURY OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE ORANGEBURG COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize the Rotary Club of Orangeburg as it celebrates this important milestone; and

Whereas, the Rotary Club of Orangeburg was organized by a small group of local businessmen and sponsored by the Columbia Rotary Club. It was chartered on May 19, 1921 with twenty-four charter members, including Wallace Bethea, Laurie Wolfe, Bill Livingston, John Sifly, Henry Sims, and its first president, W. Eugene Atkinson; and

Whereas, over the years, the club has offered countless community programs, including club cookouts, sweetheart nights, annual auctions, onion sales, barbecue dinners, oyster roasts, pancake suppers, duck races, fundraising for the Coins for Alzheimer’s Research Trust Fund and Karen J. Williams Alzheimer’s Fund, an annual Karen J. Williams Turkey Ball Tournament, the Ride‑to‑Remember campaign aimed at fighting Alzheimer’s, the sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 45, a student loan fund and scholarship program, support for crippled children, the PolioPlus project, a Happy Feet program, support for the Orangeburg Calhoun Free Medical Clinic, Interact Clubs, volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, literacy programs and book donations for elementary-school students, support for the elderly, the International Youth Exchange, student essay contests, support for clean water, the Rotarians in Drug Deterrence Education program, and Children’s Walk at the Gardens; and

Whereas, beyond the club level, the Rotary Club of Orangeburg has participated in many district assemblies and Rotary International conventions. The club has also contributed a total of $365,229 to the Rotary Foundation and, as of 2011, had a total of 146 Paul Harris Fellows who were recognized for their generous donations; and

Whereas, over the past century, the Rotary Club of Orangeburg has been shaped by many social and political changes. However, the fundamental principles ensconced in the club’s motto, “Service Above Self,” have remained consistent, and it has maintained a focus on the values of fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate the dedication and commitment of the Rotary Club of Orangeburg to serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the Rotary Club of Orangeburg upon the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary and commend the club for its century of dedicated service to the Orangeburg community and the people and the State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Rotary Club of Orangeburg.

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